

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 649
By Cooper

A RESOLUTION to commend Steve Adams for his honorable and astute service to the people of Tennessee as the State Treasurer for a laudable sixteen years.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Steve Adams is one such estimable person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary sixteen-year tenure as Tennessee's State Treasurer, from 1987 through 2003, Mr. Adams distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community and to his State; and

WHEREAS, a native of Marshall County, Steve Adams was born on May 27, 1951 in Cornersville, Tennessee, he earned his Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Austin Peay State University in 1973 and became a certified public accountant in 1979. A 1996 graduate of the National Institute for Public Finance, Steve first entered State government in 1973 with the Department of Correction; he joined the Treasury Department in 1975 and served as the Director of the Tennessee Consolidated Retirement System from 1980-87; and

WHEREAS, he was elected as State Treasurer by the 95th General Assembly in January 1987 and was subsequently re-elected by the 96th through 103rd General Assemblies; and

WHEREAS, Steve Adams's remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life, and perhaps more notably, from both sides of the aisle; and

WHEREAS, he has ably served, not only his State, but also the nation as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Treasurers, serving as President in 1998, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers, serving as President in 1999; he is the former chairman of the Executive Committee of the Nashville Thermal Transfer Corporation Board of Directors. His numerous memberships include the National Association of Government Accountants, Tennessee Children's Plan, and Tennessee Parks Foundation; and

WHEREAS, he is the recipient of the 1997 Astra Merck-National Managed Health Care Congress Award and the 1998 Association of Government Accountants Distinguished State Government Leadership Award; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Adams is an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people whom life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Steve Adams is fortunate to share both love and companionship with his wife, Reta Stockman Adams, and their two children, Brad and Jamie; and

WHEREAS, this past fall, we were sad to hear the news that Mr. Adams had decided to make a career change and move over to the State's Lottery Board as the Lottery's Chief Administrative Officer, his many years of state service having earned him a great reputation of possessing a vast wealth of knowledge in all things financial and much more; and

WHEREAS, Steve Adams is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Mr. Steve Adams for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee as State Treasurer, salute his unswerving commitment

to living the examined life with courage and conviction, and extend our best wishes for his success and happiness in his endeavors with the Tennessee Lottery.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.